

(b) Yes, Sir. A number of our Missions are actively engaged in the task of apprising potential foreign investors about the reform process. They are doing this by organising and addressing seminars and symposia and by strengthening direct contacts with relevant commercial organisations.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, sir.

Return Of Riot - Affected Persons To Karnataka And Tamil Nadu

5850. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have impressed upon the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to make arrangements for the return of the persons who left those States in the wake of the riots resulting from Cauvery water dispute;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have given any assurance in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.JACOB): (a) to (c) :- The Prime Minister held discussions with the Chief Ministers of Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu on issues relating to Cauvery Waters on 17th February, 1992. The Chief Ministers among other things agreed to expeditiously complete the relief and rehabilitation measures for persons affected by the recent disorders in the Cauvery Basin.

ECO'92

5851. DR. RAVI MALLU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS : be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public hearings organised so far by peoples commission on Environment and Development India indicating subjects handled so far and proposed before ECO'92;

(b) whether the Government have finalised its presentation for ECO'92;

(c) if so, whether it will be made public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) The peoples commission on Environment and Development is a non-governmental organisation.

(b) and (c) The Government is participating actively in the negotiations to work out an international consensus on the issues to be considered at UNCED. The Indian delegation has stated our position on the various issues which have come up in the negotiations. The statement to be delivered by the leader of the Indian delegation at the UN Conference on Environment and Development (ECO '92) will be finalised closer to the date of the meeting in mid-June and it will be made public at the time.

Indo- Bangla smuggling Network.

5852. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smugglers have set up a massive Indo-Bangla smuggling network as reported in the Telegraph dated February 20, 1992;

(b) if so, the details there of; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/being taken in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c):- The Government have seen the report of the Telegraph dated 20th Feb, 1992. All efforts are being made by the Border security Force to check smuggling. A close watch is kept on the Border Security Force personnel to ensure good conduct on their part..

Supply of Arms To ULFA From North Indian Cities

5853. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of supply of arms to activists of the United Liberation Front of Assam from major cities in north India have come to notice of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/ being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Government are aware that the United Liberation Front of Assam tried to procure arms from certain North Indian cities.

(b) In the cities of Kanpur and Lucknow of Uttar Pradesh arrest / raids have been conducted by police in connection with the supply / procurement of arms concerning ULFA.

(c) The Government of Assam have stepped up vigilance to prevent illegal procurement of arms by ULFA.

Marketing Of Mosquito repellants Without Approval

5854. DR. RAVI MALLU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several brands of mosquito repellants are being marketed in India without any registration of licence even though these contain toxic pesticides; and

(b) if so, the details there of and the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) : A number of insecticide based mosquito repellants have been granted registration for manufacture and sale on the basis of generic composition by the Registration Committee set up under the Insecticides Act, 1968, as registration of brand names under the Act is not obligatory. Before granting registration, the Committee satisfies itself regarding efficacy and safety of the insecticides proposed to be used for the manufacture of mosquito repellants. There appears to be no need to take any separate remedial action.

Gas Based Industries In States

5855. SHRI PARASRAM /BHARDWAJ:
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some gas based industries in various States;